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**STATEMENT FROM REP. BENNIE G. THOMPSON ABOUT COAST
GUARD VICE ADMIRAL THAD W. ALLEN BEING CALLED IN TO
HANDLE THE HURRICANE KATRINA RESPONSE EFFORT**

WASHINGTON – Congressman Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Committee, issued the following statement after Secretary, Michael Chertoff, head of the Department of Homeland Security, announced the removal of FEMA Director, Michael Brown from duty as manager of the Hurricane Katrina response effort.

“I am happy to see Admiral Allen, a proven emergency response expert, at the helm of efforts in the hurricane-stricken regions. Perhaps now we can see real results in the recovery efforts of our Gulf Coast.

“That said, I’m disappointed that Mr. Brown is not being held accountable for the atrocities of last week. Transferring him out of the region does not solve the management problems at FEMA.”

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